

### KEY FACTS ABOUT

Children birth to 3 years, their families, and the child care system that serves them

# **New Mexico**

Total population: 1,819,046

U.S. Census 2000



An average of 7,281 children 0–3 are served per month by the Child Care and Development Fund (FY 2001 ACF-801 data)

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In Federal Fiscal Year 2004 the Infant/Toddler Child Care and Development Fund Set-Aside = \$914,213

(FY 2004 CCDF Allocations and Earmarks, U.S. Dept. of HHS, ACF)



### 711 children served by 7 grantees are in Early Head Start

(2003 Early Head Start Funded Enrollment) (EHSNRC Database—April 2004)

49% of all the requests for child care to the child care resource and referral programs were for infant and toddler care

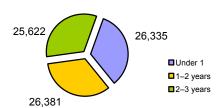
(Child Care Profile, United States/NACCRRA, March 2003)



## 2,039 children under 3 are served by the Early Intervention program

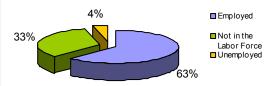
(U.S. Dept. of Education, Office of Special Ed. Programs, Data Analysis System (DANS), Dec. 2002)

#### 78,338 Children Under 3 Live in New Mexico



U.S. Census 2000

### 63% of New Mexico Women with Children Under the Age of 3 Are in the Labor Force



Current Population Survey, March 2001

### Professional Development of Infant/Toddler Caregivers

Infant/Toddler Caregiver No

Credential:

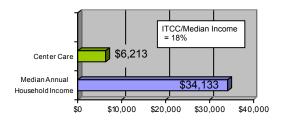
Infant/Toddler Child 31 issued in 2002 Development Associate\*: 21 issued in 1998

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Guidelines for 0–3:

\*Council on Professional Recognition

### Annual Cost of Infant/Toddler Child Care as a Percent of Median Income



Child Care Profile, United States/NACCRRA, March 2003

#### In Center-Based Care the staff-to-child ratios are

1:6 for 6 weeks to 24 months; 1:10 for 2 years; 1:12 for 3 years

If toddlers 18-24 months and children 24 to 35 months are grouped together, a 1:6 ratio must be maintained.

(State Licensing Regulations)

#### In Family Child Care the staff-to-child ratios are

1:6 (with no more than 2 children under the age of 2\*)

\*Homes may also be licensed for 7-12 children. Two caregivers must be present if there are more than 2 children under the age of 2 or when more than 6 children of any age are present.

(State Licensing Regulations)

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